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Missionary Hymn.

"Whom shall I send," He sayeth;
"What servant shall it be?"
'Tis Faith's strong voice that prayeth,
"My Master, O send me!"
Send me to tell Thy story,
Abroad, or here at home,
Send me, O Lord, before Thee,
Where Thou Thyself wilt come.
Send me, for I have known Thee,
I would Thy witness be;
To speak Thy message only,
My Master, O send me.
Send me to speak of Jesus,
Of what my Lord hath done—
His finished work most precious,
Of this and this alone.
To bring the lost and sinning,
To Thee the Sinless One,
To speak sweet words and winning,
Of Christ, the Father's Son.
Send me to darkest places,
To many a shadowed home,
Where with Thy shining graces,
Lord Jesus, Thou wilt come.
Send me to work appointed,
But, Master, let me be
By Thine own power anointed,
Then, Master, O send me!
Not unto us the glory,
When lost ones find their home;
We only go before Thee,
Where Thou Thyself wilt come.
—Missionary Review.

The Brethren Tract Society.

As I am now pushing this work as never before, and as the work is growing, and as I desire the coming year to be one of success, I thought a few words concerning its origin, growth, and prospects would not be out of place.

As is probably well known, I agitated the organization of such a society, as soon as I realized that there was none in existence. Having been educated to the necessity of scattering literature, I felt the need of such a channel through which I and others could work. The Brethren Church of Washington Co., Md., gave me permission to organize. Bro. John Emmert, Henry Emmert, Joe. Emmert, Benj. Emmert, B. Fahrney, and T. J. Fahrney, were the stockholders. I need not mention the amount of stock, most likely you would get off a smile if I were to tell you. I know John Emmert will.

I was elected President and manager, and T. J. Fahrney, treasurer. The brethren saw I was eager for the work, hence they assisted me, and said if there is any thing in it, go ahead and make it. You are welcome. There was no money in it, and there has not been any in it, but there has been good for the church. I have seen some souls converted through some tracts we have scattered.

The first tract published was Two Pictures—which is Bible? Four pages, written after witnessing an immersion in a Baptist church and a sprinkling in a Pedo-baptist church. The plates were electrotyped. The tract sold for 10 cents per hundred pages. Christian Ninger of Hollins P. O., Va., was the first purchaser, and that first order made me feel good. It was followed by others, until I had the plates paid for.

One incident in connection with this tract may not be out of place. Getting off the cars at Kellers to call on Sister Snader and family, I dropped a package. The news-boy helped pick them up, and asked for a few. I gave him a handful and he scattered them

along the way. Next day on reaching Sharid Junction, I was approached by a man, who read one, and was much exercised over the subject of religion, and promised to seek Christ before I left. So much resulted from an accident, if there are such things as accidents.

The first pamphlet compiled was The Church Members' Hand Book, the object of which is to make c. m.'s. better Christians. The first edition was two thousand copies. Since then four editions have been printed, and ten thousand copies issued. This book has sold among all denominations, including Roman Catholics. It is practical, and I receive many kind words in its favor. The following is a sample:

Mr. McFaden.

My Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send \$1 for 15 copies of The Church Members Hand Book. I bought it some weeks ago without knowing its real value. I am exceedingly pleased with it and want to get more copies so that I can give one to each of my children who are away from home, and also to Christian people around me. Many articles in it have given me great comfort and encouragement, and have I trust helped me heavenward, and I want to help others. I hope I may be able to send you more orders. May God bless you in your good work.
B. H. W., M. D.

Such letters are appreciated; they kill those I get from chronic grumblers.

A few weeks ago, a lady asked me if I had any thing she could sell. I showed her the Hand Book. She took a copy, read it, and went out and sold a few. She tried it again, and then plunged into work. She has been selling during the last month, at the rate of two hundred and fifty copies per week. This week, I think she will sell three hundred copies. Through this channel alone we are putting out sixteen thousand pages of literature per week. Harry Casel was the first to make a donation. He said: "I hope the little acorn planted at Hagerstown will grow." I think it has, and is spreading its branches in his own city, where I pray its development may be complete.

The Bible Readers' Assistant was also compiled, being limited to Bible students, and those who have not large helps at hand. It does not sell so fast as the Hand Book, but four thousand have been issued. The tracts published were brought together in a pamphlet and are known as Doctrinal Points with Scriptural References. No 1 is confined to baptism. Two thousand copies have been issued, nearly all sold. Owing to the loss of some of the plates the work was delayed. Then too, sickness interfered with it. It has been criticised because it lacks an article on trine immersion, but if any one will write a better article on trine immersion than Garber's True Baptism, I will add it to the pamphlet.

My youngest baby and pet, is

The Story Of Jesus. It consists of 80 pages, and 17 illustrations, and sells for 10 cents. One of the printers said: "I have been in the business fourteen years, and never saw a pamphlet on this subject containing 17 cuts that sold for 10 cents." This little book was written to do good, and I have my heart set on selling one hundred thousand copies. If I can accomplish it, the church will be benefitted to a great extent, and brethren, I believe it can be done, and I will do my part. Let's try and preach Christ in this way. Every one who helps us will do good and also be rewarded for their labor.

I have several other pamphlets, which will be announced in due time. I also have ready the manuscript of a book entitled, "Our Bible, Our Church, And Our Country." Piety and Patriotism, which will contain probably six hundred pages, and will be sold by subscription. This book will bring us a revenue, after the church in Philadelphia is built. I have consecrated this book to the cause of Christ, but I cannot issue it until we have more means. If I sell The Story of Jesus as I desire I can get this book on the market next year. This I want to do.

And now for the etc., Spanogle referred to at the Johnstown Convention. I had for a subject, "Our Sunday School Literature, Tracts, etc." When I came to the etc., I asked permission to interpret it. The chairman said I could interpret it as I pleased. I thought it meant a collection for the Tract Society, and thirteen dollars were handed me, afterwards raised to sixteen. I told the convention I would ask the church to give me one thousand dollars to push my work. I lack nine hundred and eighty-four dollars, a long ways from base, but I think we will get there some time.

I am putting my bone, muscle, blood, nerve, and brain into the work without recompense, and sure others can help along in the etc., and I have faith enough to believe they will. No money goes into my pocket. I do not make a cent, do not expect to. My object is to do good, and this object to some extent is being accomplished. The work is growing and our principle is developing. Instead of employing one hand to help me, I hope to have a dozen, but I want to say that when the church wants this work under her direct control I am ready to talk.

Much more might be said, but this sketch may introduce you to our work, and that without interfering with any other work or brother. There is room for all, and God bless every organization of the church which has Christ in view. My object is to feed and help all. Some are suited for one work and some for another, but all can work for the salvation of souls. The good will be ours, the honor will be Christ's, the glory will be God's. Brethren and sisters, girls and boys help me sell that hundred thousand copies of The Story Of Jesus.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Montana, Kansas.

Took the P. M. train at Warrensburg, Mo., Oct. 20th. Arrived too late at Adrian to fill my Saturday evening appointment, but as it rained it did not matter much. It takes but little rain here in the west, (perhaps it is not so in the east) to keep folks at home at meeting time.

On Sunday it rained nearly all day and of course no meeting. On Sunday evening we preached to a small audience. On Monday morning at 5 o'clock we took the train for Kansas City, enroute for Lawrence. At Pleasant Hill our train was held about three hours on account of a freight train wrecked on the road, which caused us to miss connection at Kansas City. We laid over about five hours. Took the train for Lawrence at 4:10 p. m. Arrived at Lawrence at 6:30. Bro. Metzger, after having tarried for us till 4 p. m., left for home. We put up at a hotel till next day noon, when we found a team to take us out to Bro. Metzger's. Commenced preaching on the evening of the 23rd.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 27th, we had a very strengthening love feast. Our meetings all through were well attended. Five were baptized, two were received by relation from the German Baptists. Another applicant for baptism was hindered by her parents. Her father is a German Baptist minister. Last winter a daughter of his wanted to join the Brethren church but was hindered in like manner. Shortly after she died.

If a child of mine should want to join the German Baptist church I would tell it to go ahead and do all the good it could. I believe there are many good Christians in the German Baptist church, but, O prejudice, thou art anything but a jewel.

We closed on Thursday evening, Nov. 1st. Next day we were brought by Bro. S. W. Metzger and wife to Media, a small town on the S. K. R. R. Preached in the Presbyterian church same evening. Arrived home about 2 o'clock on Saturday night.

We were treated and paid exceedingly well by the brethren at Echo, better and more than we deserved. Bro. Joseph Michael may not be as great and learned an orator as some men are, (though he is not to be despised on that line) but as a pastor he excels. With all due respect toward others we feel safe in saying that he is the best in Kansas. Perhaps the backing he has has something to do with his success in that line. O how we wished while with these dear brethren that every pastor could enjoy the hearty co-operation of the members as does Bro. Michael. The evangelist who visits Echo, Kas., needs not "make converts." They are "made" before he gets there. We feel satisfied that such was the case during our recent visit. The writer preached the first "Progressive Dunkard" sermon ever preached in Douglas Co., Kan. At Echo it seemed uphill business at first, but after a lapse of about three

and a half years a flourishing congregation of forty-eight members worship with a bright prospect of numerous accessions in the near future. Quite a number of men of first-class character and reputation who always were in sympathy with Dunkard doctrine, but stood aloof on account of Dunkard tradition, are now active members in the Brethren church.

We were highly pleased to see the good feeling existing between the Brethren and other Christian orders. The only opposition the Brethren get at this place comes from German Baptists and infidels. It is not with pleasure we refer to this. Would to God that infidels stood alone as an opposing element to the truth, but facts are facts, and there is no use for evasion. Co-operation on the part of those parties against the Brethren (and against some others) is a very general occurrence. Catholics keep quiet. Non resistance(?) people persecute. The difference of operation on the part of these co-operating parties lies in the fact that while infidels are outspoken and open, some other parties are exceedingly sneaky. We may recall our Ohio trip.

Next to deep concern for the salvation of sinners from sin, is money to make mission work successful. Planning and appointing mission boards has become so stale that Christians go to sleep and sinners go to perdition under it.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Dallas Centre, Iowa.

Our meetings have developed a new interest since the election is over. Last night four arose at the close of service and made the saving confession. Three were baptized on Sunday. All are heads of families and of the first society circles of the community. There are a number of others who are fully persuaded and will come ere we close tomorrow night. This is a happy time for the church here. Could I remain a week longer a large ingathering would result. It may come anyway.

S. H. BASHOR.

Nov. 8, 1888.

Christian Missions.

Rev. George Wilson thinks that one of the greatest mistakes of ministers is that they have too often preached on missions when they wanted a collection, when all their preaching should have a missionary character and tone.

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